

**REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks. Claim 1-9 and 17 have been amended editorially. Claims 1-9, 12-14 and 17 are pending.

Claims 3 and 17 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for being indefinite. Claims 3 and 17 have been amended, taking the issues noted in the rejection into account.

Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

In view of the above, favorable reconsideration in the form of a notice of allowance is requested. Any questions or concerns regarding this communication can be directed to the attorney-of-record, Douglas P. Mueller, Reg. No. 30,300, at (612) 455.3804.

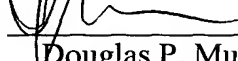


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